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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FRG
CITIZENSHIP LAW

REFS: (A) BERLIN 1065, (B) STATE 122598, (C)BERLIN 0877

1. BONN GROUP AT JULY 17 MEETING AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO
CAPITALS BERLIN TEXT OF REPLY TO SOVIETS ON SUBJECT
ISSUE WITH ONE CHANGE. LAST SENTENCE OF BERLIN TEXT
HAS BEEN REDRAFTED TO TIE TO THE QA THE LETTER OF THREE
ALLIED AMBASSADORS TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR.

2. FOR CONVENIENCE OF ADDRESSEES, RECOMMENDED TEXT AS
ALTERED BY BONN GROUP GIVEN BELOW.

BEGIN TEXT

A. IN YOUR DISCUSSION WITH THE CHAIRMAN POLITICAL
ADVISER ON MAY 23, YOU REFERRED TO A DRAFT LAW TO AMEND
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THE NATIONALITY LAW OF JULY 22, 1913, WHICH IS PRESENTLY

BEING CONSIDERED IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT IN BONN. IN CONFIRMING THE COMMENTS MADE BY MY COLLEAGUE AT THE TIME YOU RAISED THIS QUESTION, I MUST POINT OUT THAT THE NATIONALITY LAW OF 1913 HAS THE FORCE OF LAW IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THAT FOUR PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THAT LAW HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE MANTELGESETZ PROCEDURE, IN 1953, 1957, 1961 AND 1970.

B. ACCORDINGLY, IF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT ENACTS THE DRAFT LEGISLATION PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNDERTAKES TO ADOPT IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA WILL, AS HITHERTO, REVIEW IT TO ENSURE THAT IT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDING THOSE CONCERNING MATTERS OF STATUS AND SECURITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, I REFER TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971, AND THE ASSOCIATED LETTER OF THE THREE ALLIED AMBASSADORS TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. IN PARAGRAPH 2(D) OF THAT LETTER, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THESE LONG ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES REMAIN UNCHANGED.
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3. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT AGREE TO TEXT PARA 2 ABOVE AND TO MODALITIES AS CONTAINED REFTEL A.
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